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2. a. Lerchenberg Kaserne (formerly Flak Kaserne):

(1) Occupied by about 600 troops on 10 March 1950. Two buildings in the eastern section of the barracks were vacant. Nine JS tanks, 17 T34 tanks and about six unidentified heavy tanks were seen.

(1) Motor vehicles   were observed. It was the impression that the unit with these motor vehicles had taken over the barracks from a unit with motor vehicles  

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b. Beseler Kaserne:

(1) Occupied to capacity by about 700 troops.

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(2) It was the impression that the number of self-propelled artillery units was reduced.

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c. Brueckenkopf Kaserne:

Occupied to capacity by troops. Two new wooden gangs were under construction. A convoy of 12 two-axle tank trucks, coming from the direction of Coswig (N 2/E 27), arrived at the barracks on 27 February 1950. The tank trucks each had a capacity of 1,500 to 2,000 liters.

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3. a. Flak Kaserne:

(1) Four heavy tanks were seen in the barracks area recruits were drilling in the barracks yard.

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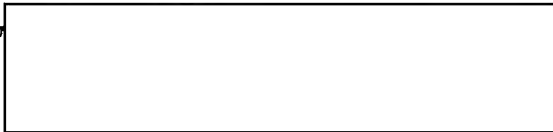
(3) A tank with a device (presumably a battery commander's telescope) behind its turret was seen near Absdorf. Two tanks practiced near the target range in the Luper woods. The target range was guarded by Soviet soldiers.

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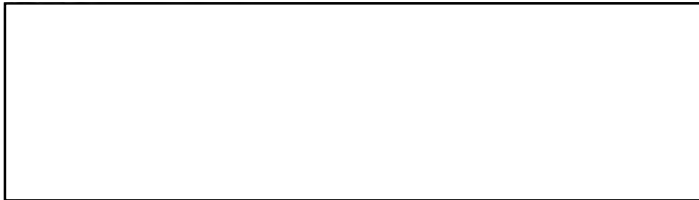
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b. Lanzer Kaserne:

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a. The location of the 51st Gds Tank Regt [redacted] of the 6th Gds Tank Div in Wittenberg was confirmed by Soviet documents up to 15 January 1950.

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b. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the Wittenberg barracks up to 15 March 1950.

The exchange in the Beseler Kaserne of 31 artillery units for tank units, as assumed [redacted] 10 March 1950, is possible but was presumably restricted to the military post as no outgoing or incoming rail shipments were observed in Wittenberg.

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